➢ Constant emphasis on States to:

- Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms;
- Ensure effective convergence of health nutrition, education and safe drinking water services under various programmes.

**Meagre pay to Aganwadi Workers**

†128. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Anganwadi workers and helpers are given such a meager pay or honorarium that they are unable to make their both ends meet;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards staying of dharna demonstration by these workers and helpers;

(c) the amount of consolidated pay or honorarium paid by Central and State Governments to these workers and helpers; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the honorarium/pay to make this scheme effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers" from the local community. However, in order to give recognition to their voluntary efforts, they are paid a monthly honorarium, as decided by the Government from time to time.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers out of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India ranges from Rs. 938/- to Rs. 1063/- per month, depending upon their qualification and experience. Anganwadi Helpers are paid an honorarium of Rs. 500/- per month. Further, some States are also paying additional honorarium/monetary incentives to Anganwadi workers/Helpers, for work other than ICDS, out of their own resources, as given in the Statement annexed (*See* below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Government has constituted a Review Committee to examine the current levels of honorarium and related issues of Anganwadi Workes and Anganwadi Helpers.

**Statement**

*State-wise Information regarding addl. honorarium to AWWs/AWHs*

| Sl. No. | Name of State/Ut | Addl. Honorarium to AWWs | Addl. Honorarium to AWhs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Goa | 1752-3200* | 100-1600# |
| 2. | Haryana | 200 | 100 |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 200 | 100 |
| 4. | J & K | 245-280 | 140 |
| 5. | Karnataka | 550 | 275 |
| 6. | Kerala | 400 | 400 |
| 7. | Maharashtra | 400 | 240 |
| 8. | Sikkim | 750 | 450 |
| 9. | Punjab | 400 | 200 |
| 10. | Tamil Nadu | 807 | 600 |
| 11. | Tripura | 855** & 75^ | 625** & 50^ |
| 12. | West Bengal | 400 | 400 |
| 13. | Delhi | 500 | 300 |
| 14. | Pondicherry | 460 | 400 |
| 15. | A & N Island | 500 | 240 |
| 16. | Chandigarh | 400 | 300 |
| 17. | Lakshadweep | 500 | 200 |
| 18. | Jharkhand | 250 | 100 |
| 19. | D & N Haveli | 500 | 300 |
| 20. | Daman & Diu | 500 | 300 |
| 21. | Gujarat | Nil | Nil |
| 22. | Orissa | Nil | Nil |
| 23. | Chhattisgarh | Nil | Nil |
| 24. | Andhra Pradesh | 400 | 200 |
| 25. | Uttaranchal | 1500 | 750 |
| 26. | Bihar | Nil | Nil |
| 27. | Madhya Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 28. | Assam | Nil | Nil |
| 29. | Nagaland | Nil | Nil |
| 30. | Rajasthan | Nil | Nil |
| 31. | Uttar Pradesh | 200 | 100 |

* depending upon their qualification and experience.

# depending upon the no. of years of service.

** those engaged prior to 2004 and^ those engaged from 2004 and onwards.